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Millages, candidates on ballots Tuesday

Romulus schools request millage

Next Tuesday, voters in the Romulus School District will be asked to approve two millage requests during the Aug. 8 election.

The first proposal to appear on the ballot will be the Hold Harmless millage which seeks approval for the district to lower the maximum levy for this purpose from 5.1314 mills to 2.5 mills, a reduction of more than 50 percent in the authorized levy.

The second proposal on the ballot is for a Sinking Fund millage which would replace the existing .75 mills levy with a 3-mill levy. State law allows a new sinking fund millage to be used for security, infrastructure, technology upgrades as well as building construction, repair and maintenance.

These funds cannot be used for salaries or retirement costs.

Robert W. McLachlan, who serves as secretary of the Romulus District Schools Board of Education and chairs the Friends of the Romulus Millage Committee, said there are factual misrepresentations being floated about regarding the issue.

"The Hold Harmless millage, which was authorized last year at 5.1314 mills (max), only resulted in a levy of 1.3137 mills, due to the formula used by the State of Michigan leveraging local levy toward what is

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Voters to cull council candidates

Westland voters will have no lack of choices on the ballot next Tuesday when they will be asked to reduce the field of candidates seeking terms on the city council to eight hopefuls for the four available terms.

Primary voting will take place at all regular city polling places from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8.

Three of the available council seats are 4-year terms while the third is a 2-year seat. The four-year terms will continue from Jan. 1, 2018 through Jan. 1, 2021 while the 2-year term will continue from Jan. 1, 2018 through Jan. 1, 2020.

Voters will choose the final four city council representatives during the General Election Nov. 7.

Seeking voters approval to move on to the General Election are candidates: Steve Boron, Jesse Davey, Debra Fowlkes, Timothy Gilbert, Tasha Green, Jim Hart, Peter Herzberg, Jason S. Jackson, Meriem Kadi, Michael A. Kehrer, Michael Londeau, Terry L. Martin, Felicia Miles-Clegg, Joseph Schaefer, Donna Stottlemyer-Beaupre and Jody White.

Herzberg and Kehrer are incumbent council members.

During the General Election, voters will also be asked to choose between incumbent Mayor William Wild and Kevin Coleman, a city councilman who opted not to seek re-election.

Happy birthday

City celebrates 150-year anniversary

The Plymouth Historical Museum officially celebrated the 150th birthday of city last week with a party attended by well-known figures from the history of the community. At right, Judge Ron Lowe of the 35th District Court cut a dashing figure as George Starkweather, one of the founders of the community, as he speaks to Richard and Emily Sharland. Below, Lynn Anderson, Samantha Mansfield and Pam Yockey added to the festive environment with their period costumes while at right below, Historical Museum Director Liz Kelley Kerstens speaks with Anderson who portrayed Ruth Huston Whipple, the first woman mayor of the city who served from 1940-1942. Photos by Mary Kerstens

2 arrested in brutal attack on senior citizen

Two men have been arrested and charged with attempted murder in the assault and beating of a senior citizen in Wayne.

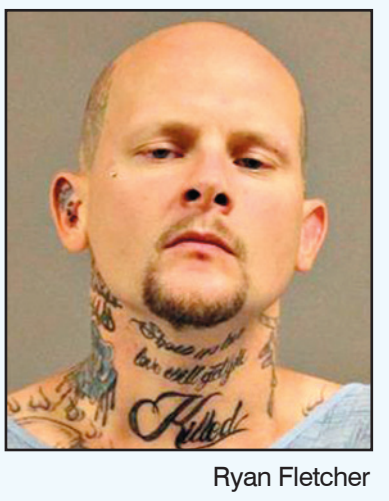
According to police reports, Wayne officers were dispatched to the rear parking lot of a bar located in the 35000 block of West Michigan Avenue at 2:34 a.m. July 23 after callers reported a fight in progress.

When officers arrived at the scene they discovered a 70-year-old man unconscious and suffering from numerous injuries. The victim was transported by emergency medical personnel to a local hospital for treatment. According to the office of the Wayne County Prosecutor, it is alleged that the two suspects encountered the victim who was walking with his dog in the parking lot. Prosecutors allege that the pair first threw the victim's dog at his car, then knocked the senior citizen to the ground and began beating and kicking him into unconsciousness. The pair is accused of beating their victim with his own car radio.

After an investigation, Wayne police arrested Ryan Fletcher, 35, and Jacob Rose, 23, both of Garden City, in the incident.

Both Fletcher and Rose have been charged with assault with intent to commit murder and felonious assault, according to a prepared statement from the office of the Wayne County Prosecutor.

A third person was arrested in the incident and subsequently released following the police investigation of the attack.



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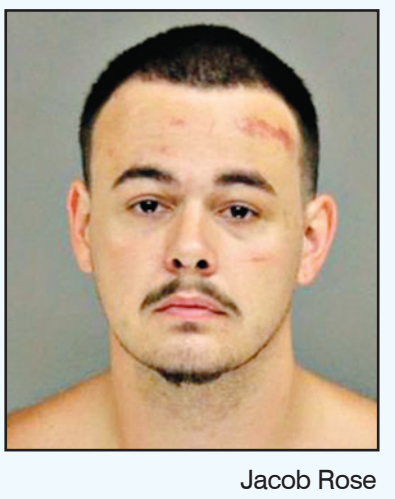

Jacob Rose

Both Fletcher and Rose were arraigned July 25 in the 29th District Court before Magistrate Linda Gable who set bond at $100,000 for each of them. They are due back in court Aug. 8 for a probable cause hearing on the charges before Judge Laura Mack.

A preliminary court examination date has been set for Aug. 15.

Police said the victim was continuing to recover from his injuries. The dog was placed in the custody of one of the victim's relatives at his request.

Plymouth - Canton

New traffic signal gets state green light

Don Howard
Staff Writer

The recent announcement that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be moving forward with the installation of a four-way traffic signal and widening of the McClumpha and Ann Arbor Road intersection was the sound of success for Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise.

Heise, a former state representative, worked with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for more than two years to facilitate the installation of the traffic signal and reconfiguration of the intersection. Last week, State Reps. Jeff Noble of Plymouth and Laura Cox of Livonia announced that $1 million in funding has been designated to reconfigure the intersection. According to the announcement, there have been 36 total accidents at the intersection between 2012 and 2016.

Twenty-three of these accidents were T-bone or head-on collisions, according to the release and some caused serious injuries. The intersection prompted numerous complaints from area residents, claiming that the situation was a threat to public safety. The T-shaped intersection has no turn lanes, creating safety concerns.

"As citizen complaints skyrocketed through the roof," Heise said, "I kept the pressure on. However, this is a team effort, and its more complex that just a traffic light issue." The issue is exacerbated during hours when traffic is traveling to or from the three high schools at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park nearby where more than 6,000 students attend classes.

Heise said he pushed his colleagues in the State House for approval of a traffic study in the area. He added that he was concerned about what many perceived as a serious danger in the neighborhood, which is also his neighborhood. He said records show speeding over the 45 mph limit is often commonplace.

In November 2015, his efforts paid off and MDOT commissioned the Wayne County Road Commission to conduct a study of the traffic at the intersection. In early 2016 the project received a final go-ahead. Having the engineering data from the joint Wayne Country-MDOT sponsored study, Heise was told to be patient and that the estimated $300,000 funds would not be available until 2020.

After his successful bid to become township supervisor, Heise continued his quest for the road project.

In February 2017, at his urging, members of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees approved a resolution urging the state to expedite the improvements to the intersection.

Heise said he is gratified that the project is moving forward and that the state will pay for the entire $1 million estimated cost of the traffic signal and reconfiguration of the intersection.

He said he sent copies of the township resolution to State Rep. Jeff Noble, MDOT Director Kirk Steudle, Sen. Patrick Colbeck, Rep. Kristy Pagen and to Cox, the current Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, reminding them of how serious a public safety threat the intersection is and the efforts at the township level to solve the problem.

Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington agreed that the intersection was a known danger.

"It's been a dangerous intersection for a long time and a lot of drivers, especially those who are inexperienced like high school students, had difficulty maneuvering through the intersection," Tiderington said.

"This is a team effort. MDOT will have to rework the intersection. It will require left-turn lanes, deceleration lanes, new curbs and widening. It's a serious issue," Heise said.

"This is great news."

School board members choose officers

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education have selected new officers for the year. Terms will continue through June 30, 2018.

Board members unanimously chose Kate Borninski, a member of the board since 2014, as the new president. She has also served as secretary of the board.

Nominated by her predecessor Kim Crouch, Borninski was the sole nominee and elected on a 6-0 vote. Trustee Patrick Kehoe was absent from the meeting.

She told her fellow board members that she appreciated their confidence in her and said that she looked forward to continuing the good work done by the previous board and Crouch.

The new vice president of the board will be Crouch, nominated by Trustee Doug Brooks. She has been a board member since 2013. Patti McCoin was nominated for the office of secretary by Trustee Anupam Chugh Sishu, who had declined the nomination for herself suggested by Brooks. McCoin has been a board member since 2016.

Kehoe was nominated in absentia for treasurer by McCoin. Kehoe has been a board member since August of 2016.

The votes for all the nominees were unanimous, 6-0 votes.

In other business, the board members approved district bylaws and approved a schedule of upcoming board meetings.

Annual collection of school supplies now under way

Plymouth Community United Way is gearing up for the annual school supply drive.

Last year the organization filled 120 backpacks with 7,172 various school supplies. The bags were distributed to Plymouth, Canton, and western Wayne students in need of the proper tools to help increase their ability to achieve their educational potential. Without the basic tools of pens, pencils, crayons, rulers, and paper, students will not have success in the classroom environment, a spokesman said.

The drive will run continue through Aug. 12, in an effort to get the backpacks filled and distributed by the start of the school year. Plymouth 1-800- Self-Storage has signed on to be a secondary drop point for new school supplies. Donations can be dropped off at the 42360 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth location during business hours. Donations will also be collected at the Plymouth Community United Way office from 7:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7:45 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. Fridays.

For more information, visit www.plymouthunitedway.org.

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Blues, Brews and BBQ this weekend

The most highly anticipated event in Westland, Blues, Brews and BBQ, will begin at 5 p.m. tomorrow in a new location.

This year, the event has been moved just north of its former location and will take place on Ford Road to offer more parking and shaded areas, organizers said. As in years past, the access to the event is free of charge and food and refreshments will be available for purchase.

The event will feature professional pit-masters to offer good old fashioned slow-cooked, authentic BBQ and tasty finger foods as well as some non-barbecue favorites. Participating vendors include Heaven on a Roll; Hill Billy Bone BBQ; Smoke Ring BBQ; Stick a Pig in it; Uncle Bebe's Barbecue; Grindstone Smokehouse; Famous Dave's; The Grill Fathers Ribs & BBQ; Harold Ole Daddy BBQ; Detroit Mini Donut and Lemonade; Harvest Kettle Corn; Heavenly Hot Dog; Maniaci Pizza and On the Border.

Again this year, the two-day event boasts an impressive line-up of musical guests beginning with opening act Roadside Rick and the Breakdowns at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, followed by The Boa Constrictors at 7 p.m. and Detroit Soul Revue at 9 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 5 the music starts with 4 p.m. with Front Street. Then, the Bobby Murray Band at 6 p.m. followed by crowd favorite and the headliner this year, Thornetta Davis, at 8:30 p.m.

> *Back by popular demand is a musically choreographed fireworks show that begins at 10 p.m. on Saturday.*

Eight ice cold taps will be pouring eight different craft and domestic beers. This year, a fast-tap pass is available for $10 that will allow visitors to skip the beer line.

Back by popular demand is a musically choreographed fireworks show that begins at 10 p.m. on Saturday.

New this year is access to the House of Blues which includes an upgraded event experience complete with private seating with restrooms and prime view of the stage. Tickets for the House of Blues can be purchased for $20 at the event.

More information and updates about the landmark event are available at www.cityofwestland.com or by phone at (734)793-9333.

Crowdfunding effort to fund Wayne bike racks

One civic group in Wayne is peddling a new idea to install new bike racks throughout the downtown area.

Wayne Main Street recently announced a new crowdfunding campaign through the Michigan-based crowdfunding platform Patronicity. The campaign will support the plan to install new bike racks throughout downtown and run pop-up bike repair and safety workshops in partnership with the Wayne Bicycle Club.

If the campaign reaches the crowdfunding goal of $5,500 by Aug. 31, the project will win a matching grant with funds made possible by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Public Spaces Community Places program. For project details and to donate, visit: www.Patronicity.com/WayneMainStreet.

The Downtown Bike Rack Program is designed to promote cycling in Wayne. The project includes the installation of 20 brand new, custom bike racks downtown, the refurbishing of the existing downtown bike racks, pop-up bike repair and safety events launching this fall and promote biking throughout the community.

The project also aims to promote Wayne as a bikeable community, explained Theo Brooks, a board member of Wayne Main Street.

"Wayne has an avid biking community and we want to do whatever we can to promote Wayne as a bike-friendly city, including providing options for secure bike parking throughout our downtown," Brooks said. In addition to this project, the Wayne Bicycle Club is also gaining in prominence. The club is currently in competition for a Michigan Municipal League (MML) Community Excellent Award.

Wayne Main Street was launched in 2011 by a group of civic-minded residents.

It has evolved into one of the largest civic organizations in the community. Last year, volunteers contributed more than 2,700 service hours to the city group.

In 2014 the organization was recognized by the Michigan Main Street Association as a Select-Level Main Street community.

Artist to exhibit paintings at city hall gallery

The paintings of nationally recognized artist Betty Felts will be on exhibit at the Westland City Hall gallery during the month of August.

Felts works in watercolor, pastel and oils and her paintings have been exhibited at the Leesburg Center for the Arts, the Hacienda Gallery in the Villages, Livonia City Hall, and various other locations. She has earned numerous awards that range from Best of Show to Honorable Mention and has been awarded the Maggie Price award from the Pastel Society of Central Florida.

Felts is a member of Three Cities Art Club, Garden City Fine Arts Association, and The Visual arts Association of Livonia. She is also a charter member of the Pastel Society of Central Florida, the Center for the Arts in Leesburg, Florida, and is chairperson of the annual art show in Lady Lake, Florida.

Several series of paintings will be featured in the exhibit. These include images from Greenfield Village and various Michigan state parks along with some of Felts' favorite paintings of her family and grandchildren.

Felts learned to paint after retiring more than 20 years ago. She first studied with Jan Ramsey, who taught her the fundamentals. She has studied with nationally recognized watercolorists Rose Eden, Karlyn Holman, and Tom Lynch, as well as pastel artists Ray Hazzard, Janet McGrath, and Donna Tweedle. She said the artist who has been most influential to her work is Lynn Baum, whose mantra is, "If you can see it, you can paint it." She said her own motto is, "Keep your brush wet, even a little bit every day."

Felts creates most of her watercolor paintings with only three colors and large brush on watercolor paper.

This exhibition is a collaboration between Three Cities Art Club and the City of Westland and will be available through Aug. 31 at the Gallery at City Hall located in Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan 48185.

An artist's reception is planned for 4-6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11. The public is welcome.

Notice of Public Hearing
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Amendment to the Zoning Map (Rezoning)
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, August 16, 2017
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170
APPLICATION NO.: 2253-0717
APPLICANT: Mr. Paul Perlongo

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application to rezone Tax ID No. R-78-059-01-0036-000, from the VP, Vehicular Parking district to the R-1, Single-Family Residential district, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99. The property is located west of Main Street, north of Joy Road, east of Sheldon Road, and south of Ann Arbor Road.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested may attend the public hearing and/or send correspondence regarding the case to Plymouth Township Hall, addressed to the Community Development Department. Pertinent information relative to the application is on file at the Plymouth Township, Community Development Department and may be viewed during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon one weeks advance notice by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170; (734) 354-3201.

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Kendra Barberena, Secretary, Planning Commission

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Notice of Public Hearing
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Amendment to the Zoning Map (Conditional Rezoning)
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, August 16, 2017
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170
APPLICATION NO.: 2252-0717
APPLICANT: Apex Engineering, Inc.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Plymouth has received an application to conditionally rezone Tax ID No. R-78-037-99-0001-000, from the R-1-H, Single-Family Residential district to the R-1, Single-Family Residential district, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99. The property is located west of Beck Road, north of Edinburgh Drive, east of Ridge Road, and south of N. Territorial Road.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested may attend the public hearing and/or send correspondence regarding the case to Plymouth Township Hall, addressed to the Community Development Department. Pertinent information relative to the application is on file at the Plymouth Township, Community Development Department and may be viewed during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

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Notice of Public Hearing
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Approval of a Cluster Housing Option (CHO)
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, August 16, 2017
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170
APPLICATION NO.: 2255-0717
APPLICANT: ABAJ Development, LLC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Plymouth has received a Cluster Housing Option (CHO) application on Tax ID No. R-78-053-99-0006-000, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99. The property's existing address is 45980 Ann Arbor Road and is located north of Ann Arbor Road, west of Canton Center Road, east of McClumpha Road, and south of Litchfield Drive. The site is zoned the R-1-S, Single-Family Residential district.

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CITY OF WESTLAND

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **August 16th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

75 Foot Ladder Truck

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Devin J. Adams
Controller

NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE CAPITAL COSTS OF DESIGNING, PURCHASING, INSTALLING, INTEREST AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR A STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM ON LACY STREET IN THE CITY OF WESTLAND

TO OWNERS OF LAND ADJACENT TO LACY STREET IN THE CITY OF WESTLAND:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Westland has scheduled a public hearing to review the special assessment roll to purchase and install a street lighting system on Lacy Street as stated in the petition received by the City of Westland.

There will also be a separate public hearing concerning the operation, maintenance, energy and administrative costs for the street lighting system.

An assessment roll of the proposed assessments for the capital costs of design, purchase, installation, interest and administrative costs of the street lighting system has been prepared and is on file in the offices of both the City Assessor and the City Clerk for public examination. The proposed assessments will be available for review at the Assessor's office from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m. during normal work days.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet on the 21st day of August, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, for the purpose of hearing any person to be affected by the proposed project, and review the roll.

Pursuant to Public Act 64 of 1989, an owner, party in interest, or his or her agent: (1) may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment; (2) may file an appearance and protest by letter, at the hearing; or (3) may file an appearance and protest by letter prior to the hearing, in the Office of the Westland City Clerk, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan, during regular office hours. A written appeal may be filed with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days of the confirmation of the special assessment roll, only if that assessment was protested as specified above.

If there are any questions, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 467-3160

Richard LeBlanc, City Clerk
City of Westland

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, ENERGY AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR A STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM ON LACY STREET IN THE CITY OF WESTLAND

TO OWNERS OF LAND ADJACENT TO LACY STREET IN THE CITY OF WESTLAND:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Westland has scheduled a public hearing to review the special assessment roll concerning the operation, maintenance, energy and administrative costs of the street lighting system on Lacy Street as stated in the petition received by the City of Westland.

It is anticipated that the operation, maintenance, energy and administrative costs will result in annual increases in accordance with cost increases charged by Detroit Edison.

There will also be a separate public hearing concerning the capital costs of designing, purchasing and installing the street lighting system.

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Richard LeBlanc, City Clerk
City of Westland

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Canton

Ship ahoy

Annual cardboard boat race set

Sailors of all sizes can now register for one of the most anticipated aquatic events in the area.

The 4th Annual Cardboard Boat Race is scheduled to take place beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, at the Summit on the Park Aquatic Center.

Participants are encouraged to use creative teamwork to build a boat entirely out of cardboard, duct tape, and paint prior to the event. Boat dimension requirements are that the boat should be no larger than 5.5 feet wide by 10 feet long. Cardboard boats must be built at home and then transported to the Summit to compete. Paddles will be provided for participants and boats can be raced by a youth crew comprised of one or two individuals. Each boat will be timed individually. Awards will be given out for Most Creative and Fastest Boat, as well as the Titanic Award.

"We're looking forward to another exciting competition at this year's Cardboard Boat Race," said Brad Chiasson, aquatic specialist. "It's great to see families working together and the competition takes it to a whole other level of fun. Plus, the unique engineering and creative designs make it a great event to just watch as a spectator."

Entry fees for this event are $10 for Summit members, $15 for Canton residents, and $20 for non-residents. The

Summit Boat Dock will open at 9:30 a.m., with races scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

Registration for the annual Cardboard Boat Race is available at the Summit or online at www.summitonthepark.org. The Summit on the Park is located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. For more information about this and other upcoming events at the Summit on the Park, visit www.summitonthepark.org or the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/summitonthepark.

Church hosts Venezuelan referendum voting

When members of Geneva Presbyterian Church hosted a worldwide referendum on the Venezuelan constitution July 16, organizer Cecilia Escobar of Canton Township didn't hesitate to express her sincere gratitude for the effort.

"You guys are making history," Escobar told Mike and Julie Gaubatz of Canton Township, who were among the Canton church members who helped organize the opportunity.

A member of the Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Community Outreach, Escobar is also a church member and suggested the opportunity.

Unrest has rocked the northern South American country since April, with reports of at least 100 Venezuelans killed and some 1,500 injured.

Escobar said Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, "wants to take power of pretty much everything. He has committed a lot of crimes against humanity. My own family has been attacked in their own home."

Escobar was the main organizer at the Canton referendum site, with others in Grand Rapids, Bloomfield Hills and the Grosse Pointe area. She noted the elected National Assembly, similar to the U.S. Congress, was elected by the people.

Cecilia Escobar

"The Congress is trying to uphold the constitution," Escobar said. "It's the last resort we have to uphold the constitution and stop the human rights violations," she added of the worldwide vote.

Heddy Morillo of Lambertville, near the Ohio state line, drove an hour and a half to Geneva. "You never forget your country," said Morillo, who has been in the U.S. 42 years and is a U.S. citizen. "I know they are having a really hard time."

Morillo noted resources like oil, minerals and jewels have been depleted in Venezuela. "Now it's the poorest (country) in South America because of the communists," she said. "No democracy looks like that, ever."

"I want to help. I want my voice spread," she said. She said she appreciates the Canton church help and her hometown, "and people are very friendly."

Laura Gonzalez, 27, of Ann Arbor volunteered and voted. "I think it's a demonstration of the change we want to see in our country," she said. She's been here 13 years and studied at the University of Michigan.

"It is our right and also our duty as Venezuelans," said Gonzalez. She favors use of "all democratic venues we have to find a resolution to the problems that Venezuela is facing right now. It was really important to me to volunteer and be a part. I'm really happy to see so many Venezuelans."

Voting began 11 a.m. with voters arriving two hours early. One such man told Escobar, "I've been waiting 18 years. I can wait another hour."

Escobar first came to the U.S. for her master's degree in Chicago, and has been in Canton 12 years. Her family, with the exception of one brother, remains in Venezuela.

"They have thousands in jail. They are being persecuted in military courts. It's a dictatorship, that's what it is," Escobar said. "We are so grateful to Geneva Presbyterian Church. It goes beyond just giving you chairs and tables." The process was orderly, and worship took place nearby uninterrupted.

A 2014 student massacre in Caracas, Venezuela, prompted her and others to visit Washington, D.C., to talk to U.S. senators and Congress members. To vote in the referendum, no affiliation with a Venezuelan political party was needed.

Ballots were in Spanish.

Charles Ten Broeck of Canton is a Geneva deacon. "We expect to have these rights," Ten Broeck said of voting. He and his wife visited Cuba this past May on an educational trip; he noted Cuban doctors are paid $27 a month.

"They have to drive cabs to support their living," he said.

Ten Broeck added, "Human rights violations against women in the world are unbelievable. That's half the world, more than half."

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 17 2017 for the following:

2017 TREE REMOVAL & PRUNING PROJECT

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – July 25, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Hohenberger, Director Faas, Director Meier, Director Trumbull Staff Absent: None **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony amend the agenda by removing Item C-5, Consider Second Reading of Amendment to Canton Township Code of Ordinances Chapter 18, Article III, entitled "Massage" Sections 18-82 through 18-107, from the Consent Calendar and placing it on the General Calendar as Item G-11. Also, to move Items G-9 Approval of Establishment of Canton Township Roads Advisory Task Force and Item G-10 Reconsider Approval of a Letter of Intent from Wayne County for the paving & drainage improvements on Ridge Road from Hanford Road to Warren Road on the General Calendar to the beginning and renumbering them as Items G-1A and G-1B respectively. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2017 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** Robyn Lamb, 47214 Ford Road, representing 5 residents and one commercial property along Ford Road, commented on concerns regarding erosion of Fellows Creek in their area. Dr. Kominars, 41900 South Drive, commented on noise concerns coming from the Southeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Lilley Road. He requesting the township take new readings at this location. Kim Choi, 50039 Pelham Ct, requested board assistance in creating a plan to aid her in collecting the old recycling bins. **Payment of the Bills:** Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item C-1. Resolution Adopting Principles of Governance for the Charter Township Of Canton. (Clerk)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON RESOLUTION ADOPTING PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNANCE FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Whereas,** the Michigan Townships Association encourages every township board to deliberate on and adopt Principles of Governance and member communities throughout the state have enthusiastically embraced these Principles as their own code of conduct; and **Whereas,** boards can be much more efficient and effective when a high degree of trust among board members, and between the board and those whom they are elected to serve, exists; and **Whereas,** boards earn trust by demonstrating commitment to solving problems and conducting business in a manner consistent with a community's expectations and values-and then faithfully delivering on those commitments; and **Whereas,** the Principles of Governance embody core values, and help guide board members toward consistent action and deeds, which reflect well on the township and themselves; and **Whereas,** the individual members of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton reviewed and affixed their signature to the pledge on June 27, 2017; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby pledge to uphold the Principles of Governance of the Michigan Township Association. **Item C-2. Consider Approval of the Proposed Fifth Amendment to Consent Judgment in the Matter of Charter Development Company, LLC V Canton Township to Allow for Modifications to the Multiple Family Development Plan. (Legal & MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to approve the proposed Fifth Amendment to Consent Judgment in the matter of Charter Development Company, LLC v Canton Township. The Township Attorney is authorized to execute the Amendment to Consent Judgment on behalf of Canton Township. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-3. Consider Increase to the 2017-2018 Discover Brochure Printing Contract. (CLS)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to increase the Woodward Printing Services awarded contract by $884 for a total of $46,960 for printing of four editions of the Discover Brochure. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-4. Consider Approving Fire Department Participation in CLEMIS. (PSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to approve the Canton Fire Department joining Oakland County CLEMIS Fire Records Management System as a participating agency, with a 2017 annual fee of $8,089.20. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-5. Moved to General Calendar Item G-11 GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G-1A. Approval of Establishment of a Canton Townships Roads Advisory Task Force. (Clerk)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to authorize the establishment of an Ad Hoc Canton Township Roads Advisory Task Force, to consist of community leaders recommended by the Supervisor and approved by the task force chair – Jim Kosteva and Township Board representative, Trustee Sommer Foster. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-1B. Reconsider Approval of a Letter of Intent from Wayne County for the Paving & Drainage Improvements on Ridge Road from Hanford Road to Warren Road. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to reconsider the vote on the Approval of a Letter of Intent from Wayne County for the Paving & Drainage Improvements on Ridge Road from Hanford Road to Warren Road. Siegrist stated he voted against the motion in accordance with the prevailing side. Motion carried by 4 to 3 vote. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to approve the February 28, 2017 letter of intent from the Wayne County Executive's Office for the paving and drainage improvements along Ridge Road from Hanford Road to Warren Road. Motion carried by 5 to 2 vote. At 8:40 p.m. Supervisor Williams called for a short recess. Meeting reconvened at 8:49 p.m. **Item G-1. Consider Approval of Special Land Use Request for an Auto Service Establishment. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Use for Valvoline Quick Oil Change WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor, Mr. Ziad El Baba, has requested special use approval for an auto service establishment to be located on Michigan Avenue between Canton Center and Beck Roads on parcel identified as EDP#131-99-0013-701; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be consistent with the development objectives of the Township and recommended approval based upon the findings listed in the analysis; and, **WHEREAS,** the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives of the Township subject to any conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Ziad El Baba, to conduct the special use for the proposed Valvoline Quick Oil Change subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. **Item G-2. Consider Approval of a Recycling Infrastructure Grant Agreement with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the Recycling Infrastructure Grant Agreement with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ); and, further authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the agreement on behalf of the Township. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-3. Consider Approval of Request to Reduce Certain Fees for Special Land Use and Site Plan Review of the Proposed Eagle Scout Project at Life Church. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the request by David Garvey to reduce the fees for special land use and site plan review expenses for the proposed Eagle Scout project at Life Church to $500. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-4. Consider Discussion on Proposal to Preserve 27 Acres of Existing Green Space Property as Future Parkland Along Morton Taylor Avenue, North of Michigan Avenue. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony consider discussion on a proposal by Marketplace of America III to preserve 27 acres of property as future parkland along Morton Taylor Road, north of Michigan Avenue. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-5. Consider Approval of Bid Award for Sheet Metal Gutters and Downspouts to the Cady-Boyer Barn. (CLS)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to award the bid for the Sheet Metal Gutters and Downspouts at the Cady-Boyer Barn to Butcher and Butcher Construction Co., 3885 Industrial Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48309 in the amount of $10,950 to be paid from Account # 101-803.970_0020, Capital Outlay Buildings and Improvements. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-6. Consider approval of Actuarial Valuation of the Charter Township of Canton Retiree Health Care Plan. (FBD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the proposal from CBIZ Retirement Plan Services to provide an Actuarial Valuation of the Retiree Health Care benefits for a not-to-exceed fee of $17,500 and to authorize the Finance Director to sign the Acceptance of Letter of Engagement. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-7. Approval of Grant Application for Purchase of Optical Scan Voting System by the Secretary of State for the Charter Township of Canton. (Clerk)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON RESOLUTION APPROVING GRANT APPLICATION FOR NEW ELECTION EQUIPMENT STATE OF MICHIGAN MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND CANTON TOWNSHIP HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT GRANT APPLICATION OPTICAL SCAN VOTING TABULATORS AND ELECTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS WHEREAS,** the Charter Township of Canton Board wishes to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase a new voting system, which includes precinct tabulators, accessible voting devices for use by individuals with disabilities, and related Election Management System (EMS) software; and **WHEREAS,** partial funding for the new voting system will be provided by the State, and will include a combination of Federal Help America Vote Act and State-appropriated funds; and **WHEREAS,** the Charter Township of Canton plans to begin implementation of the new voting system in 2017 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Charter Township of Canton Clerk is authorized to submit this Grant Application on behalf the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County on this 25 day of July, 2017. The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Siegrist. Second offered by Board Member Sneideman. Upon roll call vote the following voted "aye" Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams, the following voted "nay" None. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted. ____ (Pat Williams, Supervisor) Township Clerk: ___ (Michael Siegrist, Clerk) **Item G-8. Approval of a Blanket Purchase Order to Dominion Voting Systems for Purchase of Election Equipment. (Clerk)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the request for a Blanket Purchase Order to Dominion Voting Systems, Inc. for the purchase of election equipment in the amount of $60,000 from account 101-191.970_0010. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-9. Approval of Establishment of a Canton Townships Roads Advisory Task Force. (Clerk) – Moved to Item G-1A Item G-10. Reconsider Approval of a Letter of Intent from Wayne County for the Paving & Drainage Improvements on Ridge Road from Hanford Road to Warren Road. (MSD) – Moved to Item G-1B Item G-11. Consider Second Reading of Amendment to Canton Township Code of Ordinances Chapter 18, Article III, Entitled "Massage" Sections 18-82 Through 18-107. (Clerk)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to remove from the table and hold a second reading of Amendments to Canton Township Code of Ordinances Chapter 18, Article III, Entitled "Massage" Sections 18-82, through 18-107 with a correction to the wording in Section 18-83.-Definitions, subsection "(f) *Patron:* Any person who receives a massage under such circumstances that it is reasonably expected that they shall make payment". Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to adopt the second reading of Amendments to Canton Township Code of Ordinances Chapter 18, Article III, Entitled "Massage" Sections 18-82, through 18-107 to be publish on August 3, 2017 with an effective date of September 2, 2017. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **OTHER:** None **ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to adjourn at 9:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. ___**Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk** ___**Pat Williams, Supervisor**

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours or be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval. CN1544 - 080317 2.5 x 13.096

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New voting machines ensure accuracy, speed

Romulus officials got their first look last week at new voting equipment that will expedite the voting process and make it more secure.

Romulus City Clerk Ellen Craig Bragg demonstrated the new Dominion Voting System units for the council at a study session last week. The system, provided through one of three state-approved vendors, will be used for the first time at the Aug. 8 special election, when Romulus voters will decided two school funding issues.

"For voters, not much will change," said Craig Bragg.

The new machines tabulate the votes and will transmit them to the clerk's office and Wayne County wirelessly at the end of election night. The system will only be accessible to the precinct chairman, who will have a special key and password to use it.

"It will save us some time," she said. "As early as 8:15, we should have results right from those precincts."

In addition to the traditional ballot tabulator, the new system has a touch-screen tabulator that voters can use if they desire; it is also easier for handicapped people to use. That system uses special ballot cards that can be used once per election and then reprogrammed for the next, much like a hotel room card key.

Because of the built in safeguards, Craig-Bragg said the new machines are much more reliable than older voter systems and less likely to malfunction or be susceptible to tampering.

She will conduct a public accuracy test that anyone can attend at 3 p.m. today, Aug. 3, in council chambers to test the accuracy of the equipment and process some sample ballots. There will also be a public open house at 5 p.m. when residents can try out the equipment and ask questions.

Romulus City Clerk Ellen Craig Bragg demonstrates the new voting units to be used Aug. 8.

City program identifies lead in water pipes

Following the discovery of lead in the water service lines of a vacant home in the city, Romulus officials have adopted a program to examine the piping material of residential service lines during water main construction. The program will remove any lead in the city lines and provide homeowners the opportunity to use the city contractor to remove the lead service line at the residence. The program has been very successful and a majority of the residents take advantage of the reduced pricing and proceed with removal of their private service line, city officials said.

When homeowners choose not to remove the lead service lines, testing is conducted to ensure the lead residual in the water is below the established EPA Action Level of 15 parts per billion (ppb). In June of 2017, the city tested one vacant home in the northeast corner of the city where the owner decided not to remove the private lead water service line. At this address, laboratory test results showed the home had lead residuals of 120 parts per billion (ppb) which is considerably higher than the EPA threshold.

City personnel also conducted seven other routine lead and copper monitoring samples elsewhere in Romulus, all of which were analyzed at the Great Lakes Water Authority laboratory. Results at each of the other seven locations were all below the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Action Level for contaminants.

Water in Romulus comes from the Great Lakes Water Authority, and treatment of the water has been very successful at mitigating lead leaching from plumbing, officials said. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality assesses the effectiveness of the corrosion control measures based on the 90th percentile of all lead and copper results collected between June and September.

The lead 90th percentile for Romulus is 41.6 ppb, which exceeds the Action Level of 15 ppb. The Action Level is not a health based standard, but a level that triggers additional investigative sampling of water quality and requires educational outreach to customers, according to a city spokesman.

Even though only one location of the eight tested was more than 15 ppb, lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters the human system through drinking water or other sources. There are some simple ways to reduce exposure to lead including always using the cold water tap for drinking, cooking or preparing baby formula and allowing the water to run for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using, as recommended by the EPA. Do not boil the water to avoid lead, as boiling will not reduce the amount of lead in the water.

Romulus officials will conduct additional monitoring of the water quality during the next year, using 120 samples collected throughout the system. Officials believe the results will show that the high lead levels were isolated to the one vacant home on the northeast corner of the city as a result of their individual water service line being disturbed during construction.

Additional information regarding lead in water can be found at www.romulusgov.com, on the Department of Public Works page http://www.romulusgov.com/departments/public_services/public_works/, and at the MDEQ website www.michigan.gov/deqleadpublicadvisory. To view the most recent city water quality report, visit www.romulusgov.com/ccr.

More information regarding water quality is available from the director of Public Works office, (734) 942-7579.

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known as 31a grant funding, for at risk students," McLachlan explained. He said that opponents of this proposal are misrepresenting the facts in this case and that last year, again, the levy was 1.3137 mills.

He said there is no indication that the amount of the levy will change and that state law requires that a maximum levy be in the ballot language.

"The Romulus Board of Education chose the lower maximum to protect our taxpayers from any large shift in taxation should the state change the formula," he added.

The Sinking Fund proposal is critical for the district, McLachlan said, as the district has identified more than $20 million dollars in necessary repairs, replacements, and upgrades to facilities, including the athletic stadium, building roofs, parking lots, plumbing systems, fire suppression systems and technology infrastructure improvements

McLachlan said the claim that the Romulus Community Schools received $1.5 million from the recent Wayne County "Enhancement Millage" is a myth.

"We have, to date, received $929,628 from the levy. All of this year's levy, and most of next year's, have been allocated to the purchase of 17 replacement buses and upgrading our video security system from analog to digital equipment, improving the safety and welfare of our students and facilities," he said.

The millage advocate said that the school district has always maintained transparency with financial reporting, which is posted on the district website (www.romulus.net), and audited annually by independent auditors.

"We remain committed to providing open, honest, and direct dialogue with our entire community," he said.

"I encourage all of our community to support both measures, as they are crucial to the maintaining and expanding the educational opportunities for all of our children" he concluded.

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 10, 2017
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
1. Moved by **Crout,** seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as amended.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
17-224 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 3, 2017. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Barden, Choate, Crout, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** – None. **Abstain** – Abdo, Makowski. **Motion** Carried.
3. Petitioner: None.
4. Chairperson's Report:
Mayor Pro-Tem Barden introduced the newly appointed VFW Post Commander, Mike Santamour.
17-225 4A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Crout** to adopt a resolution to recognize Mike and Midge Prybyla on their 50th wedding anniversary. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Choate** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Burcroff provided a video of upcoming City events.
17-226 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Choate** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 16/17-35 for a two-year contractual services agreement for the repair of asphalt on an as-needed basis to the only bidding company, Rey-Mart Asphalt, Inc., with a term to expire on June 30, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-227 5B. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the Inter-Governmental Road Development Agreement with Seefried Development Services, Inc., the Detroit Regional Aerotropolis Development Corporation, he Romulus Tax Increment Financing Authority and Amazon.comDEDC, LLC subject to minor modifications to the language that may be necessary including substitution of a different Amazon entity as determined by the administration. Discussion: Councilwoman Abdo asked City Attorney, Steve Hitchcock, to explain the changes to the final draft of the agreement. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
17-228 5C. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the Inter-Governmental Agreement with Wayne County for the improvements of Ecorse Road from Vining Road to Merriman Road. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-229 5D. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Makowski** to concur with legal counsel and grant authorization for the mayor and clerk to enter into a Construction Management Services Agreement with Seefried Development Services Inc. for the Vining Road and Ecorse Road improvements for the Amazon Construction Project at no cost to the City of Romulus. Discussion: Councilwoman Makowski asked City Attorney, Steve Hitchcock, to explain the changes to the final draft. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-230 5E. Moved by **Choate,** seconded by **Makowski** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an Easement Agreement with DTE Electrical Company to provide easement right-of-way for a portion of Vining Road extension to Ecorse Road subject to final changes by the administration.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
17-231 5F. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration to introduce Budget Amendment 17/18-2 to move donated funds from the Library Audio Visual "Escrow" account into the Library Fund for its dedicated use.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
LIBRARY FUND				
Revenue				
271-790-675.000	Library Donations	1,500	1,324	2,824
Expenditures				
271-790-760.005	Books-print/non-print	60,000	1,324	61,324

To move donated funds from the Library Audio Visual "Escrow" account into the Library Fund for its dedicated use. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
6A. Clerk's Report:
17-232 6A1. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt the recommendation of the Property Disposition Committee and reject the purchase of the properties included on the Wayne County Treasurer's Right of Refusal to Purchase Tax Foreclosed Property List dated July 5, 2017 subject to receiving an extension for the administration to study the properties. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
17-233 6A2. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to schedule a study session for Monday, July 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. for a demonstration of new voting equipment with City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg.
6B. Treasurer's Report:
Tax bills have been mailed out; if anyone has a question about their bill, they may call the Treasurer's Office for assistance.
7. Public Comment:
A resident commented on the contract between the court and city for Funding Unit Fees. A resident commented that it is a good deal that the taxpayers do not have to pay for improvements to the roads included in Project Mercury (Amazon).
8. Unfinished Business:
Mayor Burcroff explained that the City of Romulus is the "host community" to the 34th District Court; the court brings a check to the City once a month (funding unit fees) and this check is deposited into the General Fund – the money is accounted for and included in the yearly audit. Councilman Wadsworth inquired about the River Oak property (it is still being investigated) and also the Taft property (it is scheduled for demolition soon).
9. New Business: None.
10. Communication: None.
17-234 11. Moved by **Choate,** seconded by **Makowski** to pay Warrant 17-13 in the amount of $894,979.30.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Makowski** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 10, 2017.

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Belleville - Inkster

Committee adds basement to library plan

The new Belleville Area District Library will have a partial basement, following a change approved last month by the library board.

Board members opted to allocate $312,000 for the construction of the basement to add more storage space for the new facility to be located on Fourth Street in the City of Belleville. The change was recommended by the Library Building Committee.

Chair of the committee, Joy Cichewicz, explained that the original library plan did not include adequate storage space for the facility and did not include space for the Friends of the Library group and their used books.

Architect Dan Whisler said the change would free up floor space in the library by moving the utilities to the basement of the more than 32,000 square foot construction.

Sharon Peters, chairwoman of the library board, said that the full board would need to be informed of the change and that she felt, "This is a foundational change to create the kind of library we want to have."

The change would leave another $103,000 in the contingency budge for future changes. The project construction budget is $13,503,440.

Whisler outlined other changes made to the plans for the building, including a move of the administrative offices to the main floor; a move of the fireplace; the addition of a conference room and the change in boundary between the children's room and the staffing space. He said that shelves for the use of the Friends group was doubled from four to eight shelves and a door and small tutoring room added. In addition, the local history room was moved inside the building and the water fountains upgraded to allow the refilling of water bottles. Other changes have been made to the lavatory facilities.

The building was originally planed at 31,900 square feet but has increased to 33,220 square feet.

Hearing set on medical marijuana zoning

The City of Inkster has scheduled a public hearing before the planning commission on changes to local zoning regulations regarding medical marijuana facilities within the community.

The hearing before the city planning commission is planned for 6:30 p.m. Aug. 14 in the council chambers at city hall, 26215 Trowbridge in Inkster.

The planning commission members will consider proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance in the city as they affect the sale and transportation of medical marijuana.

Changes proposed to the ordinance will separate the definition of medical marijuana facility to create categories for medical marijuana cultivation facility, medical marijuana transportation facility, medical marijuana processing facility and medical marijuana testing facility.

Medical marijuana processing facilities and medical marijuana testing facilities would now require zoning as a Special Land Uses, as would the other classifications.

New special land use standards for the processing, testing, cultivation and selling of medical marijuana are being considered by the commission.

The complete list of proposed amendments is now available for review in the Inkster City Clerk's office located in city hall. Proposed changes will be presented to members of the city council for approval.

The planning commission meeting is open to the public and those unable to attend the public hearing can send their comments in writing to the attention of the city of Inkster City Planner, 26215 Trowbridge in Inkster, 48141. Written comments will be accepted until noon Aug. 14.

More information about the proposed amendments concerning medical marijuana is available from the planning and development department, (3133) 429-2366.

Civil War soldiers are honored

Veteran's Day ceremonies at Horizon Park in Belleville may include 19 new names engraved on the Veteran's Memorial.

Members of the Belleville City Council voted unanimously to add the names of 19 local servicemen who were killed in action during the Civil War. The request to add the names, in a place reserved for them on the monument, was presented to the council members by Cornell Anton, who represented the Veterans of Foreign Wars 4434 and the Polish League of American Veteran 167.

Anton reminded the council members that no public funds were used in building or installing the memorial, but that it was funding by $90,000 in contributions and then rebuilt using funds from the Belleville Downtown Development Authority.

Currently, there are 51 names on the memorial. Anton and Councilman Tom Fielder are relating the stories of these servicemen, two at a time, during Memorial Day events at the park.

The cost for engraving the names was estimated at $3,500 and Anton said he had personally paid a down payment of $1,500 for the project. To donate to the project, make checks payable to VFW 4434 and mail them to 376 Light Tower Court, Belleville, MI 48111.

Queen of Queens crowned

Shaylett Stuckey has added another crown to her collection of titles.

Stuckey, of Van Buren Township, was crowned 2017 Queen of Queens last month in New Orleans where she completed against 35 women.

She achieved the highest scores in the international pageant which included evening gown, glam wear and interviews. In addition to the crown, Stuckey won a prize package valued at more than $10,000 including cash and modeling contracts.

Stuckey was Mrs. Michigan America in 2015 and was recently Classy Mrs. Michigan. She will be on the cover of Julimac Magazine this month and her first solo recording, Covered, is available on ITunes.

Shaylett Stuckey

Stuckey earned a bachelor's degree in business management and is publishing a book. She is the mother of two and has been married for 23 years. She works with the National Association of Professional Women, eWomen Network, Michigan Small Business Association, NorthRidge Church and with the Belleville National Strawberry Festival Queen Pageant.

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Northville

Supreme Court overturns drunk driving verdict

Don Howard
Staff Writer

The unusual arrest of a Northville man in 2014 for driving drunk in his own driveway has drawn national attention after a surprising ruling last week by the Michigan Supreme Court.

In this latest decision, judges on the high court have reversed the ruling of the Michigan Court of Appeals and sent the case back down to the lower courts. The case began when Gino Robert Rea, 47-years-old at the time of his arrest in 2014, was charged with operating while intoxicated under MCL 257.625 (1), which reads in part, "A person . . . shall not operate a vehicle upon a highway or other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles, including an area designated for the parking of vehicles . . . if the person is operating while intoxicated."

Police reports and court records show that two Northville police officers found Rea seated in his car, in the driveway next to his house, with the drivers' door ajar listening to loud music after a neighbor had objected to the noise and called officers to the scene. The officers instructed Rea to turn down the music.

When the same neighbor called police for the second time with the same complaint about loud music, one officer returned to Rea's residence, but found no music playing. When the third noise complaint dispatch was issued, Northville Police Ofc. Ken Delano parked on the street near Rea's home and began walking up his driveway. According to police reports of the incident, the door to the detached garage at Rea's residence opened and his vehicle backed out for "about 25 feet" before stopping. At that point the car was still in Rea's side or back yard.

Court records state the officer shined his flashlight to alert Rea that he was in the driveway. Rea stopped his car in the driveway; next to the house then put his car in drive and pulled forward into the garage, bumping into stored items in the back of the garage. Police said Rea smelled of alcohol and his speech was slurred and was arrested for Operating a vehicle While Intoxicated (OWI) after he refused to take field sobriety tests. Rea's blood alcohol level was later determined to be three times the legal limit.

> *The Michigan Court of Appeals erred by affirming the trial court dismissal of the operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (OWI)...*

After his arraignment on the charge, Rea's attorney moved to quash that information. The lower court granted the motion and dismissed the charge, finding that the upper portion of defendant's driveway, closest to the garage, was not a place generally accessible to motor vehicles for purposes of criminal liability under MCL 257.625(1).

Prosecutors pursued the charges, taking the matter to the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Last April, Court Justice Elizabeth L. Gleicher wrote in the opinion for a divided three-judge panel of the Michigan Court of Appeals, that since Rea drove but only in this private area after consuming alcohol the "charges were not supportable."

The Supreme Court jurists disagreed, however, and on Monday, July 24, issued an opinion that stated, "The Michigan Court of Appeals erred by affirming the trial court dismissal of the operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (OWI) charge against defendant, Gino Rea, in violation of MCL 257.625(1).

In an unusual opinion by Justice Richard Bernstein, joined by Chief Justice Steven J. Markman and Justices Brian K. Zahra and Kurtis T. Wilder, the Michigan Supreme Court held that the Northville Police Department could charge Rea with drunken driving, even if his car never left the driveway. Dissenting Justices Bridget McCormack and David Viviano cautioned that the Court went too far to assume that the Michigan Legislature intended to extend the scope of the statute prohibiting OWI to include the private property of individual homeowners.

Bernstein in his opinion summation wrote: "We hold that defendant's driveway is an area 'generally accessible to motor vehicles' for purposes of MCL 257.625(1). Because defendant allegedly operated a motor vehicle in his driveway while intoxicated, the prosecution established probable cause that defendant violated MCL 257.625. "Accordingly, we reverse the judgment of the Court of Appeals, vacate the trial court's dismissal of the case, and remand to the trial court for further proceedings consistent with this opinion."

Art House features exhibit of 'Color Wash' work

The Northville Art House will present The Graded Wash Juried Watercolor Exhibition, featuring 29 artists' work in watercolor, gouache, and other media to create 44 colorful works.

The exhibit includes landscapes, seascapes, and portraits, as well as, animal, plant and abstract motifs. Juror Jill Stefani Wagner selected the works from 86 diverse entries. An opening reception is planned from 6-9 p.m. Aug. 4 with an awards presentation and juror's talk at 7 p.m. to celebrate participating artists:

Joyce Bailey (Ypsilanti), Barbara Baker (West Bloomfield), Marchelle Brotz (Northville), Jean Canavan (Saline), Janice Dumas (Milford), Carol Evert (Saline), Espacia Fotiu (Ferndale), Sandra Hanert (Brighton), Jennifer Helner (Lowell), Christine Ingersoll (Plymouth), Patricia Keckan (White Lake), James Kissel (Ypsilanti), Janet Kondziela (Dearborn), Rosemary Lee (Howell), Lisa Mull (Grand Rapids), Barbara Eko Murphy (Northville), Linda Onderko (Commerce), Patrick O'Rourke (Northville), Julia Pangborn-Harley (Gross Pointe Park), Cindy Rashid (Milford), Julia Rohde (Saginaw), Tom Ryan (Lemont), Nancy Savage (Northville), James Velthoven (White Lake), Harry Villalonga (Rochester), Carrie 'Care' Wheeler (Plymouth), Denise Willing-Booher (Fenton), Susan Wolocko Hassenrik (Northville) and Julie Woodard (Northville).

"Painting in watercolor has been one of the true loves of my life. I have worked in this medium for over 30 years and it never fails to fascinate me. There is a certain serendipity in watercolor: you can't always control every aspect of it, but sometimes the most wonderful surprises happen," Wagner said.

The exhibition is open during Art House hours, noon until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon until 4 p.m. Saturday. The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady St. Admission is always free.

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Calendar of events

Science experiments at the library

The Romulus Public Library will host a hands-on program which includes tie-dying a shirt and making ice cream beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5.

The projects are part of a Science Experiments program and are designed for students 11 to 17 years of age. This is a free program.

The Romulus Public Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. More information is available at (734) 942-7589.

Buy Michigan Now Festival

The Buy Michigan Now Festival will take place in downtown Northville this weekend for the ninth year, as part of the annual Buy Michigan Week. This family-friendly event food vendor and street vendors, live music and children's activities, all highlighting Michigan-based businesses and Michigan-made products.

Admission and parking are free. Main and Center streets are closed in the middle of downtown to make it easy to shop and dine, while enjoying live entertainment from Michigan performers.

The event will be open from 4-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5 and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6.

Farmers market now open

The Canton Farmers Market will be open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 12 at Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road, Canton.

This open-air-market features a variety of Michigan grown and made food as well as hand-crafted items. The Farmers Market will take place rain or shine.

Find the latest market information on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/cantonfarmersmarket.

Concert series continues

The Northville Summer Friday Night Concert Series - presented by Tom Holzer Ford - brings the music of some of the finest local musicians to downtown Northville Town Square from 7-9 p.m. every Friday night through Aug. 25.

The schedule features music from jazz to blues to rock 'n' roll. For more information, including a full schedule of performances, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

Representative for a Day essay contest now open

State Rep. Jeff Noble of Plymouth announced his essay contest for students in Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

The contest is open to students in grades six through 12. Students are asked to write a minimum of 250 words and no more than 500 on the topic "Why do you like living in Michigan?" Essays should be submitted by mail or email by Sept. 1 and must include student's name, address, email or phone number, school and grade level.

The winner will be announced on Sept. 18 and invited to Lansing to be a state representative for a day this fall. Essays should be sent to JeffNoble@house.mi.gov or N-699 House Office Building, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909.

Woodstock Revisited festival planned

Woodstock Revisited Family Festival is set for 3-10 p.m. Saturday Aug. 5 at Van Buren Eagles 3996 located at 9961 Beck Road in Belleville.

Admission is $10 if purchased in advance or $15 if purchased at the gate. Children 15 and young are admitted free.

There will be three bands entertaining on the lawn, The Classics, Second Wind and Repeat Offenders alternating sets all day. There will also be a bounce house for children, and Joelene from Cat's Meow Face Painting will be on site during the afternoon.

There will be a cash prize for the best hippie outfit.

Visitors must be 21 to consume alcohol and no outside food, drinks or coolers will be allowed.

For tickets or more information, call (734) 788-4410 or (734) 699-8836.

Pool Party planned

The Romulus Public Library will host a pool party at the Romulus Athletic Center from noon until 2 p.m. Aug. 8. The recreation center is located at 35765 Northline Road in Romulus.

Participants must have a signed parental waiver to attend.

For more information, contact the library at (734) 942-7589.

Senior's Day at market

The Westland Farmers and Artisans Market will welcome senior citizens for some special activities during Senior's Day from 3-7 p.m. Aug. 10.

Along with more than 30 vendors and artisans, there will be special veteran's health and fitness exercises and local experts on nutrition. The Market Bounty Raffle will award one lucky senior a basket full of market goodies donated by vendors. The market takes place at 1901 N. Carlson, south of Ford Road in Central City Park. Vendors will be selling produce, plants, fresh foods and crafts. There is live music every week and EBT cards are accepted.

For more information, call (734) 326-7222 or westlandchamber@yahoo.com

Lifeline screenings offered

Residents living in and around the Wayne area can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings Aug. 10 by Life Line Screening. Hype Recreation Center will host the community event at 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.

Screenings are affordable, convenient and accessible for wheelchairs and those with trouble walking. Free parking is also available.

Packages start at $149, but consultants will be available to design personalized test packages based on the age and risk factors of individual patients. For more information or registration, call 1-877-237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com. Preregistration is required.

Lucky Duckys to race

The Rotary Club of Belleville will sponsor the annual Lucky Ducky Rubber Duck Race on Belleville Lake at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 17, as part of the Annual Belleville Bridge Walk and Taste of Belleville.

Entries in the Lucky Ducky race will cost $5 each, or five for $20 and all proceeds from ticket sales are used to help fund projects in the local community. Prizes for the winning ducks will include a $1,000 cash award to the first-place duck; $250 to the second place duck and $100 to the third place duck.

Each ticket purchased puts one lucky duck into the race of 1,100 rubber ducks in the lake at Horizon Park and winners need not be present to claim their prizes.

For Lucky Ducky race tickets, contact a Belleville Rotarian. Tickets will also be sold on the day of the race.

Sales of fewer than 500 tickets will result in a 50/50 payout.

Information about the Rotary Club is available at BellevilleRotary.org.

Bridge Walk, Taste of Belleville set

The annual Belleville Bridge Walk will begin at Doane's Landing at Main and Liberty streets at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 17. After the walk, the Taste of Belleville will take place on High Street from 6-8 p.m. Belleville restaurants will offer samples of their wares during the event which will also feature a Kids Activity Tent manned by the Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation staff. There will also be a specialty game for kids provided by the Belleville Kiwanis.

The Bridge Walk and Taste of Belleville are sponsored by The City of Belleville, the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, Tucker Agency and Twisted Rooster.

Meth lab raided

Westland police shut down a suspected methamphetamine lab in a garage on the 34000 block of Decatur Court in Westland last Sunday.

According to police reports, officers were called to the location, near Glenwood Road and South Wildwood Avenue at about 3:15 p.m. July 30 after receiving a report of suspicious activity in the area.

Personnel in HAZMAT suits from the Michigan State Police Methamphetamine Response Team dismantled the laboratory and assured local officials that the scene was no longer a danger to the surrounding community. Witnesses reported seeing officers remove what police described as "highly toxic" and "flammable" evidence from the garage.

As police interviewed neighbors and witnesses at the scene, a person of interest in the investigation was arrested on an outstanding warrant he had from a nearby community, according to police.

While police authorities provided no further information at press time, it was described by officers as a "dangerous operation."

The investigation is ongoing, police said, and the person of interest arrested is not being named at this time.

No other information was made available.

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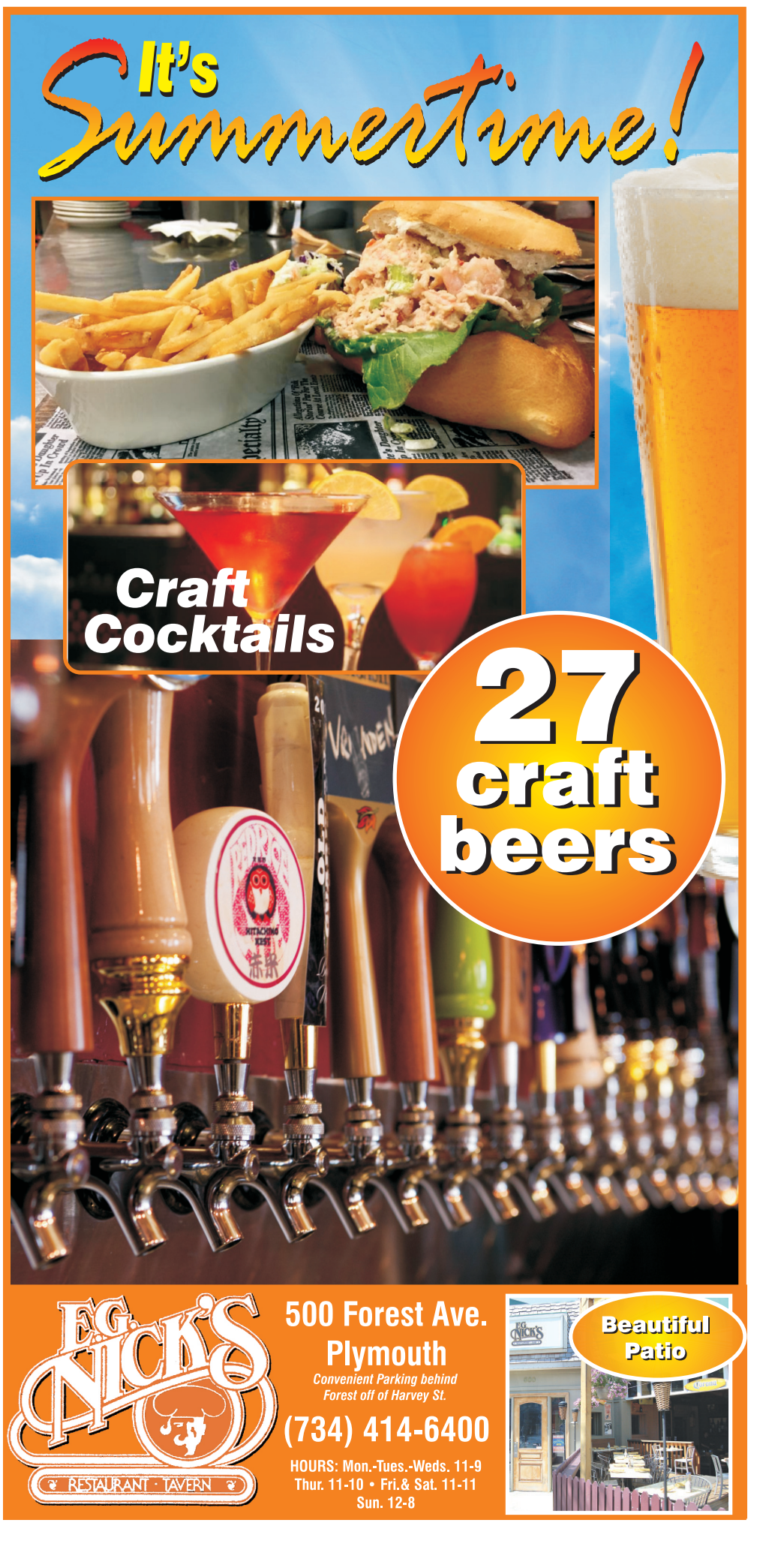
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